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1. Between 1 October and 21 October, the technical personnel at Whampoa Dockyard was increased by 200 persons. Workers had been divided into two shifts and were actively engaged in constructing 50-ton wooden boats. As of 1 November, a total of eighty 50-ton wooden boats had been completed and were awaiting painting. The bows of these boats are protected by steel plates one centimeter thick.
2. On 24 October approximately 200 tons of copper, steel and lead wire, and raw cotton were taken from the Hsinfou Warehouse and shipped toward Canton in 5 wooden vessels.
3. On 28 October and on a few previous days, over 300 tons of tin, gasoline, machine oil and cotton were shipped to the Hutiehkan (蝴蝶崗) Warehouse, south of Hsinfou.
4. On 29 October, 4 old military vessels near Whampoa Dockyard were being dismantled by about 30 workers from the Dockyard.
5. The Chinese Communist Army issued a notice on 1 November ordering all civilians and shops that had not left Hsinfou to do so within three days. Those refusing to move would be compelled to do so.
6. Between 21 October and 1 November approximately 100 criminals sentenced to forced labor were repairing the road surface, removing trees, and installing direction signs on the Whampoa Highway and the Yuchu (魚珠) Highway.

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